

tum Schiff., *A. epsilon* Hufn., *Amathes c-nigrum* L., *Agrochola macilenta* Hubn., *Gortyna micacea* Esp. and *Plusia gamma* L.

I had hoped to complete my series of *Ptilophora plumigera* Schiff. with visits to the Chilterns, but with the advent of cold weather as November progressed I had to abandon such hopes.

Systematic Position of the Genus *Homotages* Burr and Nomenclatural Status of *Anechura* *zubovskii* Semenov (Dermaptera)

By V. C. KAPOOR

Department of Zoology,

College of Basic Sciences & Humanities,

Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana (India).

Anechura fee was described by Bormans as early as 1888 from India. The genus *Anechura* belongs to the Subfamily Anechurinae of the family Forficulidae. Later Burr (1909), erected a new genus *Homotages*, with *Anechura feae* as its type species in Anechurinae. *Homotages* is monotypic and known only from India. Burr (1916) corrected its systematic position when he studied its male genitalia. He, on the basis of the non-dilated, simple and elongate 2nd tarsal segment and typical labiine-type male genitalia, specially acuminate metaparameres, placed it in the family Labiidae. Popham (1965) placed it in subfamily Forficulinae of the family Forficulidae even though the genus has got typical Labiine characters. Because of the above mentioned characters it should be in the family Labiidae not Forficulidae.

Anechura zubovskii was first described by Semenov in 1901 and he differentiated it from *A. bipunctata* Fb., *A. b. orientalis* Krauss and *asiatica* Semenov. Burr (1910) regarded these above mentioned four taxa as the local races of *A. bipunctata* Fb. but at the same time preferred to continue the nomenclature of Semenov. Bey-Bienko (1936) lowered its status and placed it as sub. of *A. asiatica* Sem. Boeseman (1954) maintained its sub. sp. status but placed it under *A. bipunctata* (Fb.). Recently, the author received a collection of Dermaptera from Dr V. K. Gupta, Dept. of Zoology, Delhi University, Delhi who collected them from Hattu Peak, 4875 m, Narkanda (Simla) under stones. The collection contained only one male of *A. zubovskii* and the rest were of *A. nayarae* Kapoor. The male genitalia of *A. zubovskii* were studied and it was found that they totally agree with those of *A. bipunctata*. *A. zubovskii* can be easily differentiated from *A. bipunctata* only in external characters like dark head, light pale spots on elytra as compared to pale head and orange-red elytral spots in *A. bipunctata*. The present findings are sufficient enough to confirm its sub. sp. status under *Anechura bipunctata* Fb.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am grateful to Dr S. S. Guraya, Professor and Head,

Department of Zoology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, for the facilities provided and to Dr V. K. Gupta, Department of Zoology, Delhi University, Delhi, for placing the collection at my disposal.

REFERENCES

- Bey-Bienko, G. J. (1936) Inseces Dermapteres de l' U.R.S.S. (In Russian with English Summary), New Series, **10**(5): 230-231.
- Boeseman, M. (1954). Dermaptera in the museum at Leiden and Amsterdam. *Rijk Natur. Hist.*, Leiden, **21**: 103.
- Bormans, A. de. (1888). Viaggio di Leonardo Fea in Birmania e regioni vicine, vii. Dermapteres. *Ann. Mus. Civ. Gen.*, **6** (2): 431.
- Burr, M. (1909). Notes on the classification of Dermaptera. *Dtch. Ent. Zesschr.* p. 327, pl. iv.
- . (1916) On male genital armature of the Dermaptera. Part III. Eudermaptrea. *J. Roy. Micr. Soc.*, p. 5, pl 1, fig. 9: pl 11 fig 15
- . (1910). Fn. of Brit. India. Dermaptera, p. 155-160.
- Popham, E. J. (1965). A key to Dermapteran Subfamilies. *Entomologist*, **98**: 135.
- Semenov, A. P. (1902). Russian species of the genera, *Anechura* Scudd. & *Forficula* (L.) and their geographical distributions (In Russian). *Horae Soc. Ent. Ross.*, **35**: 185.

NOMENCLATURAL CORRECTION

The genus *Cheilosia* was erected by Meigen in 1822 (*Syst. Besch. Zweifl. Ins.*, **3**: 289). Later Agassiz in 1846 (*Nomen zool. Index Univ.*) emended it to *Chilosia*. Since *Chilosia* Agassiz is an unjustified emendation of *Cheilosia* Meigen, it becomes the junior objective synonym of the latter (Article 33 (a) (ii)). Recently it has been observed that both *Cheilosia* and *Chilosia* are independently used (*Zool. Records* 1953-1965). Since *Cheilosia* is the only available name and *Chilosia* is a rejected one, the former should be used. This genus belongs to the family Syrphidae (Diptera).

V. C. Kapoor,
Department of Zoology,
Punjab Agricultural University,
Ludhiana (India).

Notes and Observations

THE WAVED BLACK MOTH (*PARASCOTIA FULIGINARIA* L.) IN WORCESTERSHIRE.—I have recently learnt that Andrew E. C. Adams, a new recorder for the National Lepidoptera Survey and a student at Malvern College, had single male specimens of *Parascotia fuliginaria* L. to m.v. light at Powick near Worcester on 21st and 23rd July 1972, of which the first moth was kept and examined.

These records follow the recent reporting by L. J. Evans of the capture of a single female at the Randan group of